V.

Queries on the Operation of Cephalatomia. By A Young Accoucheur.

Judging it to be the object of the *Medical Repository* to convey instruction to the inquiring mind in every branch of the Medical Profession, I beg leave to solicit attention to the following queries:

1.—After the operation of *Cephalatomia*, the contents of the cranium being evacuated, would it not be better, to expedite the delivery by the use of the blunt-hook or crotchet, than to wait, as some authors recommend, six, twelve, eighteen, or twenty-four hours, that the head may, if possible, be accommodated to the passage?

2.—Does not rupture of the uterus oftener arise as a consequence of its long-continued action, and possibly the pressing of the craggy bones of the cranium on the cervex-uteri, than from any other cause?

Sheffield, February, 1815.

VI.

Observations on the Cesarean Section, and Premature Delivery., By Ωδινοβοηθος. — *J. M.*

The inferences which an experienced Professor of Midwifery has drawn from the case of ruptured uterus recorded in the *Repository* for *February* last, p. 89, appear to me not altogether tenable; and as these inferences involve consequences of great importance to the science of midwifery, I am induced to offer a few remarks upon the subject; and this I the more willingly undertake, because the author of this, and some other interesting communications on obstetrics, is obviously actuated by the desire of founding a good practice upon a rational theory. It is, I apprehend, attempted to be proved by this case:

1st, That sometimes the Cesarean Operation is to be preferred to the operation of perforating the head of the child; and that in the woman, who is the subject of this case, such an operation would have been expedient.

2dly, That in some cases it may be right to induce premature labour, at an earlier period of pregnancy than will allow the child to be born capable of living.

I am not at all inclined to question the propriety of some-

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